



## Adeniyi "Terry" Adekunle

September 4, 1949 - December 9, 2023

Adeniyi "Terry" Adekunle, 74, passed away on Saturday, December 9, 2023 in Aurora. He was born on September 4, 1949 in Kosoko, Lagos, Nigeria, the son of Mofolorunso Adekunle and Christianah Tanimowo Sawyerr Adekunle. A devoted husband and loving father, Adeniyi resided in Aurora for thirty years. He earned a degree in Transportation/Distribution/Logistics from the University of Toledo. He retired as a distribution and logistics professional. Adeniyi is survived by his wife of thirty four years, Kelly (Porte) Adekunle; daughter, Christiana Joy Adekunle; siblings, Olufunmilayo Omitowoju, Adetokunbo Ogundipe, and Ibronke Salaam; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are siblings, Ayodele Adekunle, Mojisola Adekunle, Adesunbo Adekunle, and Olusegun Adekunle.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 10:00 am at

Sacred Heart Catholic Church 337 Ottawa Street Joliet, Illinois 60436

A Memorial luncheon will immediately follow the service at the church.

Please leave a condolence on this page for Adeniyi's family.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Service

JUN 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
337 South Ottawa Street  
Joliet, IL 60436

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# Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Adeniyi "Terry" Adekunle



Daleiden Mortuary - December 18, 2023 at 04:08 PM

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“ Alex A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Adeniyi "Terry" Adekunle.

Alex A. - June 08, 2024 at 09:10 AM

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“ Kelly A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Adeniyi "Terry" Adekunle.

Kelly A. - June 06, 2024 at 08:28 AM

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“ Kelly A. purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Adeniyi "Terry" Adekunle.



Kelly A. - June 06, 2024 at 08:28 AM

“ TRIBUTE TO MY DEAREST BROTHER:

ADENIYI "TERRY " ADEKUNLE

*I still find it so hard to believe that my dearest brother Adeniyi "Terry " Adekunle is no more with us. He went to be with the Lord on 9th December 2023.*

*We had both been exceptionally close from youth. He,d always seen me as his little sister, while I saw him as my BIG BROTHER. He would take me out for outings with his friends during school holidays and I remember following him around like a little puppy. He loved music and I used to watch with great admiration as he played his guitar. I believe he would have made a great musician. He was so cool and trendy and was admired by his many friends for his sense of style and panache. I missed him so much when he travelled to America for further studies. However, I had the opportunity to visit him when he was in Toledo, OHIO and we had such a lovely time. We were again reunited when he came to Nigeria for his National Youth Service Scheme. I have such beautiful memories of his brief stay with me in Abeokuta. He was like a breath of fresh air. We were so close that I later accompanied him to Benin-City where he reported for his primary assignment in Edo-State and made sure that he settled down nicely before I returned to Abeokuta.*

*After completing his National Youth Service, he returned to the U.S.A and got married to the love of his life, Kelly "Porte" Adekunle. He came back to Nigeria with Kelly and her Mum (Billy) for the funeral ceremony of our late Mum, Christianah Tanimowo Adekunle, after whom he named his lovely daughter, Christie Adekunle. It was another opportunity for a wonderful reunion and I will always remember the wonderful time he had with us in Nigeria. Fortunately, I was able to visit him and his family in Aurora when I attended a conference in the USA some years ago. Alas, this was to be the last time I would see him, although we kept in touch through WhatsApp chats and phone calls until the very end. He had planned to bring Christie for a visit to Nigeria, but this was not to be due to his subsequent ill health.*

*He played a very important role in my life and the lives of my*

*children, Funke, Ladun and Tayo and was the father figure at Funke's wedding in L.A.*

*We all miss him so !*

*My 'Brother of Life', Terry, we love you but God loves you best.*

*May your loving soul continue to rest in the bosom of our Lord Jesus Christ until we meet to part no more.*

*GOODNIGHT AND SLEEPWELL !!*

*Ronke Salaam ( nee Adekunle)*

*Your loving Sister.*

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**Oladunni Salaam** - May 12, 2024 at 03:00 PM

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“ Dear Uncle Niyi. I received the news of your passing with grief and a heavy heart. I never had a chance to get to know you. My only recollection of you was when you visited grandpa in New Bodija Ibadan on your trip to Nigeria in 1985, a year before he went to be with The Lord. I was about 11 years old at the time, having been raised by grandpa since I was 3yrs old. Although its been almost 40 years ago, I still have a vivid recollection of that occasion with you and grandpa. I was hoping I would have a chance to see you or hear your voice again, being the last surviving uncle. Unfortunately that chance would never come. Although I never really knew you, I have no doubts you lived life to the best of your ability and loved your family deeply. I pray our Heavenly Father grants your gentle soul eternal rest in our Lord and Saviour Christ Jesus, alongside other family members who have gone before you. As we are reminded that this world is not our home, life is but a very short pilgrimage after which we live in eternity. It is my hope that we shall all meet again reunited in glory with our Lord someday (later then sooner). I also pray that The Good Lord grants your beloved family strength, guidance and divine favours going forward.

RIP.

Condolences from:

Akin Adekunle-Ajayi (Ontario Canada)

Distant Nephew on behalf of the two surviving sons of your half-sister Adesunbo of blessed memories.

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Akin Adekunle-Ajayi - January 24, 2024 at 06:09 AM

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“ 6 files added to the album *More Tributes*



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**Lara Sonola** - December 19, 2023 at 05:20 AM



“ *I remember when I was about 7 or 8 my Uncke came to Nigeria for his youth service. I thought he was the most amazing person ever. Very generous, down to earth, loving and trendy. It was such a vibe having him at our house. He came to see me in LA and he just always seem to see me, my soul. The next time I saw him was for Grandmas funeral and it was so lovely spending time with him again. You will always be the cool Uncle to me. Love you always. Don't forget us wherever you are. Love Funke*

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**Funke Majekodunmi** - December 19, 2023 at 04:27 AM



“ 25 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Daleiden Mortuary** - December 18, 2023 at 04:10 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Adeniyi "Terry" Adekunle.



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December 16, 2023 at 02:22 AM